Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meetings
9th November 2026 - 19:30

Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82527616002?pwd=6fkrDubxvhESIYskB7czrUZiYogCay.1
Attendees: RA DF MM KT JR NA EB
Apologies:

Welcomes & Apologies

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Next Planning C: 11th November HERE
Next TEC: 12th November HERE
Next TRO SC:
Next CEC Meeting: 10th December HERE
Transport and Local Access Forum: TBC

Latest **Edi.Bike** newsletter
Latest Spokes action-update

SPOKES SCIO:

- Planning Group putting forward a trustee if Spokes becomes a SCIO.
  Update meeting after AGM has been held.
  Contact: Ian Maxwell

TEC matter / deputations:

Dave notes (***these now incorporate Alex's points below***)

item 7.1 (experimental bus lane petition) - deputation submitted
Item 7.7 (City Mobility Plan) - **draft deputation**

Alex's Notes

- City Centre Public Realm Proposals:
  - Proposes allocating funding to Princes St, Market St and a toned down George Street with an asphalt carriageway (~£20m). No interim scheme is proposed, as this would supposedly take 2.5 years and £3m to deliver.
  - The full set of city centre schemes are also covered, with the phrase "unfunded" being extremely common.

- Road Safety Delivery Plan 2026/27 – Six-month update:
  - Dalmahoy Junction due 1Q2027
  - Still no final design for King's Road Junction, construction is now due FY28/29
  - TRO for Polwarth Gardens roundabout is due soon
  - Quite a few proposed toucans are on the new crossings list. It might be worth contacting Road Safety early to be involved in the design process.

- Item 8.1 - Motion by Councillor Kinross-ONeill Bus Journey Times
  - Details on bus delays and proposed actions. More interesting part is perhaps in the appendix, where details of the BIF Tier 2 funding is. It's a very significant list, with lots of AT overlap and AT projects themselves oddly.

- City Mobility Plan – 2026 Review

Martin - Some comments on Item 7.7 The CMP Review Actions for anyone who has the time

- City Mobility Plan – Capital Investment Programme Annual Update

Updates/ongoing

Construction projects:

- Waterloo Place - Scottish Water works.
- Summerhall - left hook risk.
- West Shore Road - new junction.
- West Edinburgh Link - Progressing south
- Queensferry High Street - Phase 2 on going
- South Gyle Road bridge - open but still not 'finished'
- Heriot Watt / Union Canal to Edinburgh Park now surfaced but not open
- RBS / Gogar Station Road works still on going but passable
- Edinburgh Park Arena - delay and QR9 diversion still in place
- Silverknowes Road - resurfacing still not complete
- Lothian Burn A702 at A720 Hillend trial by BEAR - no further feedback and report due back at January TEC
- WoL - Kinauld Tan Works bridge now reclosed (Motion 9.1)
- Holyrood Park - traffic counter data now live / public HERE Friends of Holyrood Park Meeting 02.11.2026 - did anyone attended this?
- Craigmillar Park / Minto St resurfacing

Consultations

- Cameron Toll to Bioquarter RSO/26/07 and TRO/26/08 Closes 16 October - DF/NA
- Cameron Toll additional consultation event Thursday 19 November 4.00pm to 7.00pm
- Slateford Road - Toucan crossing & footway build out into cycle lane AR/SK - Now paused. JR to check.
- London Road - RA submitted - email response from Brendan Forester about islands
- Musselburgh AT - Route 3: Fisherrow Harbour to Links View submitted by JR recheck extra drawing of harbour area - chase extra harbour drawing JR

Ongoing issues:

- Roadworks & Cycling Safety - UK Gov consultation - 14th December 2026 see whether a combined letter can be supported.
- St Mark's Park Bridge - old railway line - TEC November
- Future of George St & Princes St. Report to Nov TEC on Geo St cycling? Count data share with Rurigdh McMeddes
- Princes Street Fire - now reopened eastbound but one lane only
- Gilmerton Road - footway build outs into cycleways - noise impacts being submitted to Council - still no change. FOI info received. MM - Primary Cycle network design standards. JT - bus speed and follow up to Ward Cllrs after FOI info - 20mph permanent. Follow up with Chas Booth?
- Charlotte Square Interim Scheme - *Programmed for construction 2027 to 2028 subject to funding and approvals.*
- King's Theatre - Tarvit Street modal filters being moved
- Meadows - George St: back to the drawing board
- Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Route - monitoring traffic reintroduction and crash
- Elm Row/TtN Mitigation Measures: NO CHANGE
- Tram e-bike ban (all year) - note Ian Maxwell is discussing this with Edinburgh Trams, for Spokes, so liaise with him if any suggestions
- Myreside - Planning route safeguards - complaint escalated to stage 2 - reviewing with input from Green Cllrs.
- Torduff / Cubbiedean reservoirs - access still possible - bridge closed to cars only.
- Leith Connections - Edi.Bike & Handcycle issues - update? Bus stop reopened on Grt Jnctn St. Chase - Cllr Chas Booth arranged a visit. KT - Accessibility Commission sub-group on floating bus stops. KT access audit.

- Foot of the Walk - now 2 green light for bikes turning left (hold the left)
- Voi Cycle Hire Scheme - Meeting? Out of zone Cllrs contact. Use the online tool… https://report.voi.com/
    - Expansion & other issues - carrying passengers etc
    - Feedback on go slows and closures George Sq etc
- Craigiehall estate (formerly the HQ of the Army in Scotland) redevelopment
- Porty Junction - updates - MM
- TdF 2027 in Edinburgh - EB
- Curriehill Station Link - no news
- St Andrew Square - no news
- North Edinburgh Connections - EB forwarded to NEAT & R2
- Canaan Lane (one way cycle exemption but footway widening)
- Old Town Streets ETRO/25/34 - Lawnmarket
- Glenfinlas St / St Colme St - pedestrian crossing
- Cycle Hangars and Parking
- 7-7-7 bus lanes ETRO/26/16
- Powderhall Railway - new campaign launched
- York Place - temporary cover being added
- Christmas Market TTROs - No Ice Rink on George Street this year

Other transport / LA's

- Midlothian - Meeting
  August AT Forum notes & next meeting Wednesday 25th November, 1300-1500, online (Thomas McMillan attended last one) contact Thomas.Quayle@midlothian.gov.uk
- East Lothian Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Forum - 29th October - did anyone attend?
- West Lothian

- BEAR SE Scotland (major roads - Spokes now on their consultation list)
- Scotrail & Scotland's Railway - be aware of Class 170 only 2 cycle spaces issue
- Buses
- Spokes Public Meeting - 19.11.2026 on Bikes & Public Transport

Planning

- CityScope Link
- Astley Ainslie Place Brief Consultation - closes 11th Nov JR has drafted response in email to relevant Q's - will submit 10th Nov

AOB

- Simon - raised possibility of more frequent (weekly?) PG meetings
- Critical Mass Protest at TEC - City Chambers
- RA meeting with Ruth Elliot - 18th October - How did it go?
- Martin - Meeting with Council Officers - should we seek another? These meetings were instigated by Cllr Macinnes and used to be very productive with a wide range of senior attendees. Such meetings seem to be no longer in vogue with CEC. They haven't directly followed up on actions from the last meeting in April https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vSSwick4l-1FrcA_j1cjk8CFiiyODeNw/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106974764053997086752&rtpof=true&sd=true

Next Meeting - 14.12.2026
(next TEC is 28th January 2027 10.00 am)